Resolution 2017-04
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Resolution of Support for Alyeska Resort Management Company’s request to make a Text Amendment to the 21.09-2 table of allowed uses, amending GRST-1 and GRST-2 to place a ‘T’ in their respective columns in the Marijuana Retail Sales Establishment Row

WHEREAS. Alyeska Resort Management Company (ARMCO) is the largest Lessee and operator of land in the subject areas, GRST-1 and GRST-2; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of the GRST-1 district is to continue its use as an alpine ski resort base area and the intent of the GRST-2 district is to maintain and expand upon the current development for alpine skiing and tourism; and

WHEREAS, The GRST1 district is a resort zoning district described in Title 21, Chapter Nine, as “largely developed with commercial uses generally related to the alpine ski facility”. Chapter Nine also states that the “The resort districts (GRST1 and GRST2) permit a varied range of commercial uses”. And this description reflects what is in the Girdwood Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, GRST-1 and GRST-2 are commercial districts similar to the other commercial districts in Girdwood, in which Marijuana Retail Sales Establishments are an allowed use; and,

WHEREAS, exclusion of GRST-1 and GRST-2 from the Marijuana Retail Sales table of allowed uses appears to be a simple oversight and creates a disadvantage to lessees and land owners within these areas; and,

WHEREAS, any applicant for a retail sales establishment in these districts will have to go through a rigorous, State and MOA application process and meet all the requirements of the State and the City. Part of this process is another LUC and GBOS review. This is a substantial, successful process, which includes significant public agreement, that all Marijuana Retail Sales establishments must follow in order to sell marijuana in Girdwood; and,

WHEREAS, potential development of GRST-2 may require Development Master Planning in addition to the regular public process for the Marijuana Special Land Use Permit, and

WHEREAS, this Text Amendment will amend Anchorage Municipal Code Section 21.09.050 to allow retail marijuana facilities in the GRST-1 and GRST-2 zoning districts, and
WHEREAS, this item has been presented and discussed at the Girdwood Land Use Committee regular meetings on February 10 and March 10, with a resulting vote of 18 in favor, 13 opposed and 4 abstentions.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves to support Alyeska Resort Management Company’s Text Amendment to the 21.09-2 table of allowed uses, amending GRST1 and GRST2 to place a ‘T’ in their respective columns in the Marijuana Retail Sales Establishment Row.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of March, 2017.

Jerry Fox
GBOS
3/20/17
Date

Attest